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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ERRONEOUS HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicant, through its undersigned attorney, acknowledges receipt of a Notice of Abandonment mailed November 27, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants, however, submit that the Notice of Abandonment is erroneous, and withdrawal of the erroneous holding of abandonment is requested.

The undersigned attorney was contacted by the Examiner, Mr. Boddie, by telephone to determine whether a response to an office action of April 16, 2007 had been filed. The Examiner was advised that the records of the office of the undersigned did not indicate receipt of an office action of April 16, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, and moreover, when the undersigned reviewed the image file wrapper of the above-identified application in PAIR, a copy of which is attached and circled, the records shows two (2) copies of

the April 16, 2007 office action, which applicants submit is <u>unusual</u>, and in all probability, indicative of the fact that the office action was <u>not</u> properly mailed to the office of the undersigned attorney.

The procedures of the office of the undersigned is that when an office action is received from the USPTO, a computer docketing system is updated and the end of the statutory period for response to the office action is docketed manually in the firm's main Docketing Book. A copy of the November 16, 2007 page of this Docket Book, which represents the end of the six month statutory period for response for an office action dated April 16, 2007, is attached, and as is apparent, no record exists on such page of the office action for Serial No. 663,657 (Our Docket No.: 501.43143X00). Additionally, the undersigned attorney has reviewed the computer records and the file for the above-identified application, and no indication of receipt of an office action dated April 16, 2007 for such application appears therein.

Applicants submit that the office action dated April 16, 2007 for the above-identified application was not received in the offices of the undersigned, such that a response thereto could not have been made. Accordingly, applicants submit that the Notice of Abandonment is erroneous based upon the facts and the unusual PAIR records, and the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit

Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.43143X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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